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CONFIRMATION NO. 9889

FORMALITIES LETTER



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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
  - More than one figure is present and each figure is not labeled "Fig." with a consecutive Arabic numeral (1, 2, etc.) or an Arabic numeral and capital letter in the English alphabet (A, B, etc.)(see 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1)). See Figure(s) 2A,18,27B.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity

- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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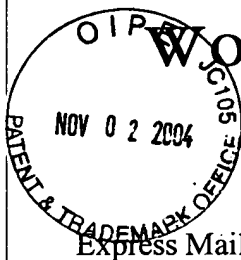
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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed August 4, 2004, please find enclosed herewith the following items for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application:

- X A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by the inventors.
- X An Assignment conveying the invention to MedicineLodge, Inc., including a Form PTO-1595 recordation cover sheet.
- X Response to Request for replacement drawings.

\* Admitted only in California

† Admitted only in New York

- ☐ A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27.
- ☐ The present application claims entitlement to Small Entity Status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27
- ☒ A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application.
- ☒ A Certificate of Express Mail under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10.
- ☒ To render the Response timely filed, enclosed is a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below.

			SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
FOR	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE				\$370		\$740
TOT. CLAIMS	-20=		X 9=		X 18=	
IND. CLAIMS	-3=		X 42		X 84=	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			+140=		+280=	
			<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	

- ☒ Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$280.00 is enclosed to cover:
- ☐ The \$\_\_\_ government filing fee.
- ☒ The \$110.00 fee for an extension of time.
- ☒ The \$40.00 recordation fee of the enclosed assignment.
- ☒ The \$130.00 surcharge fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

X Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.

X Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

— The issue fee set in 37 C.F.R. § 1.18 at or before mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.311(b).

X A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

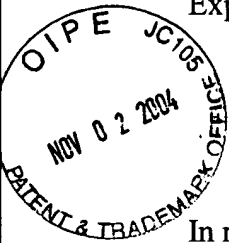
Please address all future correspondence in connection with this case to the attention of the undersigned.

DATED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR REPLACEMENT DRAWINGS

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Sir:

The Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application stated that applicant must submit replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.84 and 37 CFR § 1.121. Specifically, it is stated that the drawings were not acceptable because "more than one figure is present and each figure is not labeled 'FIG.' with a consecutive Arabic numeral . . . or an Arabic numeral and capital letter in the English alphabet . . . see Figure(s) 2A, 18, 27B."

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the figures as originally filed included the label "FIG." with a consecutive Arabic numeral or Arabic numeral and capital letter in the English alphabet. Enclosed please find a copy of sheets 1-27 containing Figures 1-27B of the application as

originally filed. It is specifically noted that Figures 2A, 18, and 27B strictly comply with the drawings requirements. In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests that the replacement drawing requirements be withdrawn.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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